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Press Release

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Through Thursday, April 26, 2012, 16,100 cubic yards of debris have been removed from Andrews Park, Rotary Park and street rights-of-way as a result of the April 13, 2012 tornado. The debris estimate is now 25,000 cubic yards which is an increase from the original estimate of 20,000 cubic yards.

Clean up work in Andrews Park and Rotary Park is complete. Four (4) debris removal trucks are removing debris from street rights-of-way in the areas affected by the April 13, 2012 tornado. Three (3) tree trimming crews are removing hazardous hanging limbs from trees along street rights-of-way and this work was completed on Friday, April 27, 2012. The first pass along all affected city streets will be completed by Sunday, April 29, 2012.

The second pass for debris removal in residential areas affected by the tornado will begin on Monday, April 30, 2012. Construction and demolition (C & D) debris removal will begin on Tuesday, May 1, 2012. Residents are reminded to keep vegetative debris separated from construction and demolition debris, as they will be collected separately. Construction and demolition debris includes building materials such as lumber, roof shingles, wooden fences, glass, metal products as well as appliances and furniture. The vegetative debris and C&D debris may not be picked up from the rights-of-way at the same time. Bagged debris should not be placed on the public rights-of-way; only loose debris will be collected.

Debris removal from all city street rights-of-way affected by the tornado is expected to be completed by Tuesday, May 8, 2012.

Norman citizens are asked to have all their debris placed at the street before this date. Damages to the turf along the street rights-of-way will be repaired by the city's debris removal contractor. Important reminders regarding the debris removal process are as follow:

- Norman residents are asked to place any storm-generated debris from this event on the

public rights-of-way. The public rights-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement (approximately 12 feet in width). Residents should make every effort to place clean, woody debris along the public street rights-of-way and not in alleyways or drainage channels. This should include storm-damaged limbs, branches and other vegetative material (woody, burnable debris such as limbs and shrubbery). This material should be cut in approximately 8'-12' lengths and stacked in piles along the rights-of-way or within 5' of the curb or edge of roadway.

- Only residential properties are eligible for debris removal. No commercial or industrial properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman.
- Do not place debris near a water meter vault, a fire hydrant or any other above-ground utility. Only debris placed on the public rights-of-way will be eligible for collection.
- During the debris removal process, City contractors will collect debris along the street rights-of-way. Residents may experience increased traffic, temporary road closures or delays on some streets where these contractors are working. Contractors will have flag persons and signage displayed to alert you of their operations. Please be cautious when passing and travel at slow speeds in these areas.
- The City will make at least two passes along your street. If all debris is not picked up during the initial pass, please continue to place your remaining debris on the rights-of-way for collection on subsequent passes.

Weekly household garbage and yard waste collection will continue its normal schedule. Limbs no larger than two inches in diameter, bundled in four foot lengths will be picked up by the City Sanitation Division. Larger items can be taken to the City Transfer Station located at 3901 S. Chautauqua Avenue or the City Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road. Please place the bags of yard waste along the curb as usual, but keep separate from the storm debris.

- All residential neighborhoods that receive regular city services are eligible for debris removal. In other words, debris removal will be provided to residential properties located on public and private streets, provided that those properties receive city services such as sanitation or water.
- Residents are asked to remove parked cars or other obstructions from the public street when the debris contractor is working.
- Please check the City of Norman Website **www.normanok.gov** for additional information and updates on the debris removal process.

For more information or to report private property damage incurred as a result of this debris removal operation, please call the City's Action Center at **366-5396**.

The City of Norman is working hard to clean up from this tornado. Your patience during this difficult time is appreciated. Thank you.